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A solid of regular shape and, for a given compound, characteristic angles, formed when an element or compound solidifies slowly enough, as a result either of freezing from the liquid form or of precipitating out of solution, to allow the individual molecules to take up regular positions with respect to one another.

Origin: G. Krystallos, clear ice, crystal

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Previous: cryptoxanthin, cryptozoite, cryptozygous, crypts of iris, cry reflex

Next: crystal, birefringent, crystallin, crystalline, crystalline capsule

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